



# STUDENTS' GENERAL ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

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The walls around campus are literally littered with campaign signs, as each candidate vies to grab your attention and ultimately your vote. Read on to get an in-depth look at the platforms for each candidate in their own words.

## The cost of doing business

BY KRIS HARRIS  
LAMBDA STAFF

Not many of us spare even a passing glance at the breakdown of our tuition fees; there are just too many individual charges to properly assess where our money is going.

But, with the Students' General Association elections looming, it is imperative that each voting student knows how his or her money is spent, especially that which goes into the SGA fund.

And that's where this story comes in.

Tuition costs for a full-time student at Laurentian for the 2004-2005 academic term totalled \$4,184 for most programs. In addition to that, each SGA student had to pay another \$336.90 in compulsory incidental fees to attain affiliation with the association.

But, where does that money go?

Well, the bulk of the levy is split into two areas: athletics and the student government itself. The athletics fee of \$85.95 is straight-forward enough; it's used to maintain the facilities in the Laurentian gym, including the weight room, swimming pool, and gymnasiums, which are available for use to all full-time students at no charge. A small percentage of this fee is given to the varsity program.

The SGA portion is where things get a little tricky. Each SGA student has to pay \$96.00 to the association, which is then split up in the following manner: Lambda, the student newspaper, gets \$10, and CKLU, the on-campus radio station is given another \$10. Affiliation with the Canadian Federation of Students costs another \$11, and one dollar from everyone's student levy is awarded to each of the following: the Women's Centre, the Walkhome program and the

World University Service of Canada, an interesting program which helps bring refugees to Laurentian to get an education. The remaining \$62 is used to pay the salaries of the members of the student government, the people who win the positions in the upcoming election, as well as maintain the SGA offices and pay for SGA events, like Frosh week, throughout the year.

These two taxes make up a total of \$181.95; the next expensive fee is a result of the SGA health plan, which runs each student another \$65. This includes a rebate on most prescription drugs, plus the athletic therapy clinic. The health plan levy is the only one of the compulsory fees that a student can opt out of; everyone must pay the fee first, however, and they will be refunded if they choose to opt out of the plan within the first few weeks of school.

The Student Centre levy runs another \$35; this charge

is likely to be lowered as the cost of the construction of the centre is now fully paid off. A smaller fee will likely replace it to help with maintenance. The universities health services costs \$20, which keeps a doctor and nurse on-campus at all times.

The graduation fee and student card fee are lumped together, adding up to \$11, saving students from having to pay additional fees when they are ready to graduate. \$10 is given to any college or professional school that the student is affiliated with, to help that school pay for any special events that they have planned. Off-campus housing and the phys-ed upgrade fee both get \$5 of the levy, and the final charge is a four-dollar fee for life insurance, which includes dismemberment, rounding out the total at the \$336.95.

So now you know.



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**GUIDELINES**

For the purpose of the Special Elections Issue, candidates were to submit their own profiles. To retain the authenticity of the profiles, these were not edited by Lambda for content or for grammar and spelling. Inside, you will find that each candidate has been provided with an equal amount of space to present their platform. This was done to ensure equal coverage of all candidates. Further to this, profiles have been arranged in alphabetical order, based on the last name of the candidate. Profiles can also be obtained online at:

sga.laurentian.ca

Please see information on voting throughout the issue.

**EDITOR'S CORNER****The closest election to you***To vote or not to vote: there is no question*

DEBBIE SAUVE  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**A**s young people, we are bombarded with an endless parade of celebrity spokespeople and government advertisements telling us why we should vote. Whether it be federal, provincial, or municipal elections, one message is clear - voting matters.

Yet, most of could listen to an entire Throne Speech (if we had the patience) and only pull out a handful of issues that directly affect us. However, I challenge you to go and listen in on the SGA Elections campaign and see how many issues affect you.

I dare to say that almost all of them will influence you either directly or indirectly. In other words, if you were ever going to exercise your right to vote - this is the time.

I must admit, however, that I am guilty of not voting in the last SGA election. Although I am a full-time SGA student, pay my fees to the association, and even worked for the SGA by elections period last year; I still didn't vote. So who I am to tell you to get off your behind and vote?

Well, over this year at Lambda, I have had the unique opportunity to get a real inside glance at all the ways that SGA affects student-life at Laurentian. Just take a look at this academic year. It was the SGA who provided us all with Frosh Kits, it was the SGA who brought us Finger Eleven during Orientation, and it was the SGA who assisted in the hosting of the provincial Day of Action right here in Sudbury. The list literally goes on and on.

The fact of the matter is that the SGA provides stu-

dents another voice. Through the President, the Vice President of Student Services and the Vice President of Student Issues, the SGA has us covered.

Now we all have our reasons for not voting. You may not have classes on the polling days and therefore do not want to trek all the way to the university; you may not think that your single voice will make a difference; or you may be graduating and not see the point of having your say.

For fourth-year students, it is particularly important to vote. Who better to make an educated decision about what this school needs than someone who has been here for nearly four years? Although your vote will not affect you directly, fourth-year students are in the privileged position of seeing how the SGA council has operated for the longest period of time.

These votes are important, as any other. For newer students, fresh ideas can mean a fresh approach on leadership. In other words,

as long as you are a student, getting out there to vote is important, because your opinion is important.

Judging by the attendance at the Day of Action and the response from students to the Rae Review, it shows that students are caring about education at the governmental level. This should naturally start within the walls of your own school. After all, you can't really complain about how the school is being run if you do not vote.

So, whatever reasons you think you have for not voting - hopefully you will find more reasons to vote somewhere in this issue.

Sincerely,

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## ELECTIONS PROCESS

## Elect-stravaganza

BY BEN ROWE  
LAMBDA STAFFTHE FIVE  
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ELECTIONS

## Who?

Only a registered SGA/AGE member may be eligible to run for and hold any SGA/AGE Executive or Board position. In order to run for an Executive position, the SGA/AGE member must be in good academic standing with Laurentian University.

## What?

The SGA/AGE Elections provide a great opportunity to get involved with the student body. Listed are the positions that are open:

- 1 President
- 1 Vice President Student Issues
- 1 Vice President Service
  - 3 Senators
  - 5 Off Campus Representatives
- 1 International Students' Commissioner

## When?

The campaign period started on Monday, March 14, 2005. Speeches ran on Thursday, March 17, 2005, and if you missed those, you can catch more speeches today (March 21) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Great Hall.

The actual elections will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 from 9 am to 7:30 pm and on Thursday, March 24, 2005 from 9 am to 7:30 pm.

## Where?

The SGA/AGE goes to great lengths to assure students can vote. Listed are the locations of the polling stations:

- Student Street
- Great Hall
- Science II Cafeteria
- Huntington Residence
- University of Sudbury Residence
- Thorneloe Residence
- Ben Avery Building (Phys Ed)

## Why it's important to vote?

You need to make your way down to polling stations on March 23rd and 24th to make your vote count. It is important to vote for a candidate that best represents your needs, concerns, and issues as a student here at Laurentian. By not taking the opportunity to vote for the candidates of your choice - your voice is essentially not heard.

If voter apathy is especially rampant among the youth demographic, better not tell the candidates in this week's Students' General Association elections.

Laurentian University has been keeping track of the total number of votes cast in the last two yearly school elections, and the results are even worse than at the federal and municipal levels. While voter turnout among the 18-24 demographic is usually around 30-40 per cent at both those levels, the school has gotten only about 20 per cent of the total full-time student voters over the last two years. In 2004, only 731 votes were cast, a paltry 17 per cent of total full-time students. The year before, 18 fewer votes were cast, only 713 votes or 22 per cent. Due to the double cohort, the total number of votes increased while the percentage of students voting decreased between 2003 and 2004; there were more students eligible to vote last year, but a smaller percentage chose to do so.

While the reasons for the traditionally low turnout at the highest electoral levels is usually due to certain established factors, the low turnout at Laurentian is more puzzling. In federal and provincial elections, the youth demographic often feels the candidates can't relate to them; at Laurentian, though, the candidates are students, just like the voters, so the low turnout is curious.

With that in mind, the 2005 elections are giving students the chance to have a voice in how the school is run and where their tuition money goes. In order to make your voice heard, however, you need to know where and when to vote.

Voting is open to all registered full-time students who have paid their fees.

This year, voting will take place over the course of two days: March 23 and 24, from 9 am to 7 pm both days. Voting booths will be set up in a number of places to encourage students to vote.

The residences at the federated universities (Huntington, Thorneloe and the University of Sudbury) will all have ballot boxes set up during those two days. Students will have a chance to cast their votes at their residence. For Thorneloe voters, though, they can only vote in residence on the 23rd. Those voting on the 24th will have to go to Huntington or elsewhere to make their vote count.

For students on the go or living off campus, there are other venues set up. Voting booths will be set up in the Phys-Ed building and the Great Hall (cafeteria). The cafeteria in the Fraser building will also accommodate a voting booth; when the caf closes at 2 pm, the booth will move to near the Tim Hortons in the bowling alley.

The votes will be counted by the elections committee as soon as the polls close on the 24th. Results will be posted outside the Students' General Association office (2nd floor, Parker building, Room SCE 212) and the Pub Down Under as soon as the results are known.



As of March 14, the SGA Elections race was officially on. For the next week, candidates will battle it out for a place on your SGA Executive. Polling stations will be set up throughout campus on the election days (March 23 and 24) to make it easy for students to cast their vote.

To help ensure the voting process is untainted by overzealous candidates, there are certain safeguards in place that are followed by the election committee, explained Cathy Carroll, SGA president and a member of the committee.

The people that guard the voting booths are paid for their two days' work, Carroll said. Accepting applications for the jobs helps make sure that none of the candidates can sneak themselves or a friend in to take care of a voting booth and tamper with the ballots.

"We advertise for months, and put up posters around the school," Carroll said. The committee also listens to candidate suggestions as far as who can take care of a voting booth.

To help protect the candidates running for the various positions, the committee allows the candidates to have a scrutineer.

"A candidate can get someone to come in and watch us count the votes to make sure they aren't cheated," explained Tannys Laughren, executive director of the SGA.

After the polls close at 7 pm on the 24th, the committee gets together and counts the votes under the supervision of the Chief Returning Officer. This year, John "Doc" Livingstone is the CRO. He won the spot after applying in November.

"The CRO reads each ballot out

loud, and the committee members check off the name on their sheets," Laughren explained. "At the end, we all compare results for each position, and they have to all match. If they don't, we do it again."

Laughren said that while the results almost always match up, discrepancies begin to appear the later the night gets.

"After we've been there several hours, we get pretty tired," she laughed.

The CRO has to keep track of the minute details of the election, Livingstone said. He is personally responsible for knowing the number of ballots that go to each voting station, as well as approving all the posters the candidates put up around the school. He read each biography the candidates sent to the Lambda to make sure the content was not offensive or inappropriate. He also has to book the rooms for speeches made by the winners of the elections. He is ultimately responsible for making sure none of the candidates' friends sneak onto the elections committee or the voting stations.

Livingstone is the former vice-president of student issues and University College Representative.

So now that you know where and when you can vote and what happens to your vote, what's stopping you from getting out there and letting your vote count?







# CANDIDATES FOR VP STUDENT ISSUES

## JENNIFER FRY



**H**ey There! My name is Jennifer Fry and I am running for Vice President of Student Issues. I am currently a fourth year student in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership program (ADVL). Throughout my four years as a student here, I have been actively involved in the Laurentian community. I spent my first two years living in Single Student Residence (SSR), where I was a sport representative for my floor, and participated in the majority of the residence activities. Also as a part of my program, I have assisted in four Banff Mountain Film Festivals and I have helped in various fundraising activities.

This past year, I have been the treasurer for the Laurentian Off-Campus Students (LOCS), where we organized a BBQ for all off-campus frosh students, actively participated in most SGA events, organized a hockey tournament

and an end of the year formal. Since I have lived on and off campus, I have truly experienced both "worlds", and I will be able to not only understand your situation but I will be able to offer help and support to all students.

As I was making my decision to run for Vice President of Student Issues, I took the opportunity to go out and ask students what concerns they may have about our university. Students were concerned with the cost of bus passes as well as how often buses came to campus. Also, parking is an issue as it has become increasingly more expensive whereas the conditions have decreased.

If elected I would like to spend my year concentrating on your issues. I would like to hold discussion groups to give me a better idea about what concerns you have. I would like to focus on you, the student, and anything you might need help with. From my experience, I know, how challenging it is to be a full time student. Some of us have extremely heavy course loads, have part time jobs, extra curricular activities, and have other responsibilities; often finding it difficult to express your concerns and issues or having your voices heard on campus. Therefore, I propose this: come to me, and I will listen to your concerns and I will work hard to find a solution to any problems you may have. Please feel free to email me at [je\\_fry@laurentian.ca](mailto:je_fry@laurentian.ca)

J'aimerais aussi adresser tous les soucis et les problèmes des étudiant (es) francophones de notre université. Je ne suis pas francophones, mais je promets de faire de mon mieux à servir tous.

## SHAILAGH KEANEY



**T**his year, I am putting my name back on the ballot in hopes that I can continue to work on behalf of students; fighting for reduced tuition fees, lobbying for student rights and facilitating the campus experience for all. This past year has been a blessing full of late nights, cramped typing fingers and a struggle against insurmountable odds. And, I'm more than willing to do it all over again!

This past year, we have seen an almost unprecedented amount of student networking and student involvement in the campus. The SGA and the AEF forged strong ties this year that won't soon be broken, and SGA students saw productive representation at the provincial and national bodies of their student organization.

This next year, I would hope to have the chance to continue lobbying provin-

cial and national members of parliament on your behalf. I want to achieve an affordable student bus pass once and for all. I want to continue to represent SGA students at the Canadian Federation of Students, provincially and national. And I really, really want the opportunity to continue opening up and diversifying our spaces - a welcome innovation for us all.

Thank you for the fighting chance to be your VP of Student Issues this year. It has given me exceptional experience, unmatched knowledge and valuable networking and friendships. Without you, none of this could have or will happen. The future, as well as the past, belongs to you!

Salut! Et merci de m'avoir donné la chance de vous représenter comme VP des Affaires Étudiant-e-s pour l'année scolaire 2004-2005. Ceci était une expérience unique et je vous remercie de m'avoir donné cette chance. Ensemble, nous pouvons continuer à améliorer notre université et à diversifier nos espaces. Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à me les poser durant la campagne électorale. Votez pour nous!

## JOHN LEONARD



**L**et's be honest with ourselves. Times are changing. Since 2000, our student population has grown by nearly 50%. While this speaks volumes about our success in attracting new students, it has also brought some serious challenges. Classrooms are overcrowded. Lineups are too long. Services are less accessible. Resources are scarce. And now, we've received a report from Bob Rae recommending that universities have more flexibility to set their own tuition levels. Rae's recommendations could have a huge impact on students. The way we, as a student body, react will determine whether the impact is positive or negative. And so the question is: How do we respond? What kind of person is best able to act as a voice for students, to deal with these new challenges and the many others that are sure to come? My name is John Leonard, and I'm running for VP - Issues because I believe it's time we take a different approach.

There are some people who believe radical action is the best way to deal with our problems. These people believe in

jumping up and down, screaming and shouting, slandering politicians and attacking the integrity of those with whom they disagree. And then, when they don't get their way, when they've lost yet another battle on our behalf, they're in shock. As a second year Commerce student, I take a different view. I believe the best way to get real results is to establish good relationships with the people making the decisions. Mutual respect, not animosity, must be our goal. With your support, I will bring this attitude to the table.

For many students, the financial burden of education is overwhelming. If elected, the first thing I'll do is sit down with the President Woodsworth, as well as members of the Board of Governors, to discuss the implications of the Rae Report. I will seek a firm commitment from them to greatly increase student aid in the form of scholarships and bursaries. If they are unwilling to make this pledge, then we as students must never accept any tuition increase. We must not waver on this issue. We must never yield an inch.

À mes collègues francophones, j'oeuvre continuellement à promouvoir un environnement universitaire qui appuie et inclut notre population. À l'heure actuelle, je suis le Commissaire des affaires francophones sur le Conseil de l'AGE. Je siège sur le comité de bilinguisme à la Laurentienne depuis 2003. Je crois fortement dans le caractère bilingue de notre université et je serai toujours disponible pour discuter de vos questions, inquiétudes et suggestions.

Yes, times are changing. Now, more than ever, we need someone with the credibility to speak on our behalf. Now, more than ever, we need someone with a knowledge and understanding of the issues. Now, more than ever, we need practical leadership that can achieve real benefits for our association. My friends, now, more than ever, I need your help.

## What does VP Student Issues do?

As outlined by the SGA Constitution, the duties of the VP Student Issues includes:

- Co-ordinate and chair the actions of the Student Issues Committee;
  - Co-ordinate and co-chair the actions of the Cultural Affairs Committee;
- Assume the position of President on a temporary basis should the position become vacant;
  - Liaise with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Ontario component of the CFS and be the SGA/AGE's representative on the CFS-O's Executive Committee;
- Present the SGA/AGE Board with the motions package for CFS and CFS-O prior to attending their respective conferences in order to receive the input of SGA/AGE members (if time permits);
- Liaise with other external organizations to raise awareness of important issues within and outside of the University community;
  - Lobby and encourage campus visits of government officials;
- Ensure that constituent cultures of the SGA/AGE membership are accommodated, reflected and represented in the activities and projects of the SGA/AGE;
- Promote politically, socially and administratively a university environment that is inclusive and supportive of all constituents that are consistent with the goals of the SGA/AGE in accordance to Article One (1), Subsection One (1) of the SGA/AGE Constitution;
- Liaise with the Francophone Affairs, International Students', Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students', Native Students' and Cultural Affairs Commissioners to identify and address issues directly affecting each of those constituencies;
- Co-ordinate and assist these commissioners with their committees and any projects that they produce;
- Be responsible for creating awareness of issues that will affect students accessibility to post-secondary education;
- Be responsible for creating awareness of issues that affect students while they are attending post-secondary institutions;
  - Assist and co-ordinate the Bilingual Week of Action with the Francophone Affairs Commissioner;
  - Assist and co-ordinate Native Awareness Week with the Native Students' Commissioner; and
- Assist and co-ordinate Black History Month with the Cultural Affairs Commissioner.



# CANDIDATES FOR VP STUDENT SERVICES

## SHANNA DENIS



**H**ello all Laurentian Students!! Bonjour les étudiants de L'Université Laurentienne!! Mon nom est Shanna Denis, my name is Shanna Denis and I am running for the SGA executive position of Vice President of Student Services. Just to let you know a little bit about myself, I am a fourth year student presently completing a double major in English and History and a minor in Geography. Throughout my years at Laurentian, I feel I have truly experienced all that University life has to offer! And as my University days are reaching a close, I thought it would be such a treat to offer present and future LU students as great a time as I had.

The position of Vice President Services requires someone with exceptional leadership qualities, high energy, dedication and a warm friendly personality-qualities I possess and have utilized as President of the Laurentian University History Society for two years running. As President of the LUHS, I have had the opportunity to re-establish and promote the club and its interests, drawing in many

students to our meetings and events. Also I have organized many fundraising campaigns and events, including two very successful trips to Ottawa (2004) and Quebec City (2005).

My involvement with the LUHS has also provided me with many great opportunities, such as holding the position of History Department Student Representative for two years and establishing a close and friendly relationship with the SGA. Consequently, I am also actively involved with the SGA, having been a board member for three consecutive years, and have sat on many committees including the Social Committee and the Cultural Affairs Committee. I have also volunteered and participated in numerous SGA events throughout my years at Laurentian.

The SGA is a wonderful medium for clubs and students to utilize, offering many services students are often not aware of. The Vice President of Student Services is essentially the SGA social convener, organizing and hosting a variety of events such as Frosh Week (Beach Day, Welcome Home Concert, Casino Night), Poker Tournaments, Sex With Sue, Charity Ball, Ball Hockey Tournaments, etc., as well as providing clubs with fundraising opportunities such as Coat Check and Pizza Night. If elected, I hope to introduce some new events such as a football tourney, Comedy Night, Winter Carnival, as well as re-introduce the use of Spirit Cards and bring Poker Tournaments to the next level, while still hosting the signature events that have come to define the SGA.

Parents always refer to University as the best years of their lives, so take advantage of what your University can offer you and get involved! Vote for someone who will provide a creative and artistic energy to the SGA-Vote for Shanna...You Know You Wanna!! Votez Shanna Denis c'est à votre profit!! Si vous avez des questions, envoyez un courriel à; if you have any questions regarding my campaign, e-mail me at- [sj\\_denis@laurentian.cass](mailto:sj_denis@laurentian.cass)

## JORDAN GLASS



**T**his year students have a unique opportunity. You have a chance to elect an SGA Executive that truly cares about the issues pertaining to the Laurentian University student body. This year SGA students will weigh the pros and cons of a number of candidates. When doing so remember to choose carefully. This year an extremely important issue has risen within the SGA Board. Come April there may be a referendum that will raise the question of the SGA's membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. Over the course of this SGA campaign period pay attention to what each candidate has to say. With specific interest, take note of those running for the three Executive positions. These are the people who may potentially be at the helm of next year's SGA.

With regards to the Vice-President of Student Services, the position I am running for, I ask that you look at experience. It is true that both my opponents are relatively well

known, however, this is more than a simple popularity contest. In my two years as a student at this university I have been a proud member of three club executives and sat on the SGA Board. In addition, I have professional experience in the realm of politics, doing work for three Members of Parliament. Over the course of this school year I have participated in a number of successful ventures. The most notable of which was the February 3rd Northern Ontario Day of Action. As a member of the Education Action Collective (EAC) I took on the responsibility of planning the event. Over the course of weeks, the EAC gave all we had in order to attract guests and bring students from all over Northern Ontario to Sudbury in order to fight for reduced tuition.

As well, I want to make it clear why I am running. That is not what this position is about. As VP Services I venture to make sure that all of the SGA's services are not only available, but are advertised to the extent that people can use them. And if that does not sound like much ask your self how well the current services have been advertised. Do you know about the assistance that the SGA provides in regards to off-campus housing? Do you know about the food bank? The \$600,000 in bursaries available to SGA members? And I assure there is so much more. And I am the candidate who will make sure you have access to all that the SGA can provide. So on March 23/24, just remember to "Get off your ass and vote for Glass" and cast a vote for experience and vote Jordan Glass for VP Services.

## KEVIN MASON



**S**o, here is a little bit about me, Kevin Mason. I was born and raised in the Greater Sudbury Area, and I am finishing off a degree in economics. For the last 2 years I've sat on the LUPSA (political science association) executive as treasurer and vice-president respectively. Aside from my involvement with LUPSA, and model parliaments I have other fond memories; including driving for the international students association, especially the Toronto/Niagara Falls trip. Or the time I did sound for a play in Timmins, and lost a tire in an infamous northern pothole. Possibly the best school related time would be the Spanish immersion course in Querétaro, Mexico (2003). I have experienced many great things and there is one common thread. So, in my final year I want to give back. As VP of services I want a hand in making your own memories.

But why should you vote for me? Aside from "helping you make your own

memories" I have some great ideas about making next year amazing. One of the keys is to utilize the pub to its full potential. Since we have such "great" bus service on campus, we'll need to build off previous years and have an even more thriving campus life. As a former concert promoter (50 plus events) I feel the student body is sold short with just the one large kick off frosh week event, then business as usual. I would like to have a series of events and most importantly student input. Rather than tell you what you want. I want your ideas for possible events and I'll try to make them happen. I have my ideas on what I feel is needed to better serve the students, but I definitely want your input. My one guarantee is, your fees will be used to assure you get the most in return. To this extent I want to get in contact with representatives from Cambrian and Boreal in order to try to forge one voice for students. The central focus will be bus services, if we can't get better service as a block maybe we can get cheaper.

Support me as your next VP of services and I will guarantee a year of creative and quality events, new services that make your lives easier and finally and most importantly a year where the pub is "the place" to go every night.

## What does VP Student Issues do?

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- Co-ordinate and chair the actions of the Services and Clubs Committees;
- Assume the position of President on a temporary basis should that position and the position of Vice President Student Issues become vacant;
- Receive requests for financial assistance from clubs and organizations and present them to the Finance Committee;
- Liaise with the clubs and organizations and advise them on financial matters while ensuring they are operating according to SGA/AGE requirements;
- Establish and maintain a student discount service during the months of May and June;
- Co-ordinate the planning and organization of Orientation and other major SGA social events;
- Co-ordinate the planning and organization of Alcohol Awareness, AIDS Awareness and Safe Break weeks;
- Assist clubs in their application for recognition and club funding, and ensure that a list of SGA/AGE recognized clubs remains current and available in the SGA/AGE office;
- Assist the Executive Director in coordinating the development and actions of the handbook publication;
- Liaise with external bodies (i.e.: BACCHUS, COCA and COCA Regional);
- Co-ordinate and implement non-social services (i.e.: fax machine, grocery bus, etc.);
- Act as the official liaison between the SGA/AGE and all clubs;
- Be a member of the Laurentian University Orientation Committee to help facilitate a more effective Orientation for all first time Laurentian students;
- Liaise with other internal organizations to promote goals in accordance with Article One (1), Subsection One (1) of the SGA/AGE Constitution; and
- Offer alternatives for clubs, academic and residence councils to raise funds (i.e: coat checks, pub nights, etc.)



# CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR

## TASHA DENIS



Senate meetings so I think it's very important to genuinely care about who you're representing. This goes without saying that the main goal is to work for the students and not attempt to advance personal goals. Students first, the way it should be.

The SGA is a great tool for students to voice the issues that will define their student life. It is so important to use them to their full potential and submitting issues to the Senators is one of the many ways that this is possible. If elected, I will make sure that concerns are raised within the meetings to make sure that the Senate and the SGA board are continuously informed.

University isn't just a passing phase in your life; it's an entire chapter that will define your future. So get involved and most importantly, vote.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tx\_denis@laurentian.ca.

**H**ey everyone, my name is Tasha Denis and I am a candidate for one of the Senatorial positions in the SGA. I am currently a second year student in History and I have also acted as treasurer on the Laurentian University History Society. That experience was incredible as we had the opportunity to organize a dynamic trip to Quebec City this year. This event really exposed me to the leadership, team work and planning needed to successfully prepare the weekend.

I feel that I have many great qualities that would make me a good candidate for the position: I am outgoing and approachable (there's no need to be shy with me), I'm a team player, enjoy a challenge and I have the drive to pursue important causes and issues. Je suis aussi bilingue. As a Senator, I would essentially be the student voice within the

## ALEX PATERSON



**T**he year so far has seen a mobilization of students demanding more control over their education and the environment in which it happens. The fight for lower tuition has come to the doorstep of Laurentian. With the beginning of the Rae Review process many students were mobilized to speak out to, not let people distant from our situation make the decisions that impact our lives. I was one of those students that were mobilized. For the whole year I was part of the Education Action Collective, which organized around the Rae Review. With the help of the Canadian Federation of Students the our collective Organized people to speak at all the review Town hall sessions and round table events in the Sudbury area. Moreover, the collective organized the Northern Ontario Day of Action, a day when students from all over the North demanded representation for issues in education unique to our situation; while at the same time standing

in solidarity with students Ontario wide in their own movement for fair education. Then in typical student style the collective organized a fee concert to celebrate the unity students had shown each other all year. Of course we as students never forget to party!

Personally this year I was involve in and a member of the Laurentian University Political Science Association (Model Parliament! Rocks), I participated in the kayak club and expedition club, the multicultural club, and I am a supporter and member of Pride @ LU.

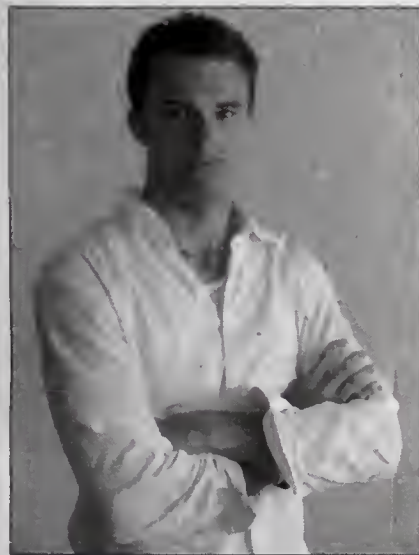
Outside of school I have been involved in anti-war and occupation movements, a small animal rights protest. As well as various human rights campaigns.

I am running for SGA senator, my hope is to bring student rights to the forefront of debate in senate, where I will work closely with faculty and administration. Specifically, I am going to ask for on a sustained basis a recycling bin beside every garbage bin or pail on campus, an ecologically friendly campus is very important to me. Moreover, I am committed to working with the established framework to obtain more student representation on the Board of Governors. Feel free to ask me any questions or suggest issues you feel are in need of being articulated to our school and the community in general.

Next year I hope that students will party harder, at Laurentian, than ever before; while at the same time encouraging each other to take part in the process to form a fun and safe school. A united student body with an effective and strong representation is the way to achieve these goals. Let the SGA hear your voice on polling days, March 23-24.

Go Green with Alex Paterson!

## NEIL PEARSON



interests, protecting your rights and expounding the principals espoused by the most important, outspoken, intelligent and forthright demographic at Laurentian, YOU, the students, my constituents.

My friends, I am vying for this position because I think that I have the god-given ability and experience to fulfill my obligations to you. To make this university a better place, to make sure that our student government is endowed with a voice, to make sure that YOU are heard! Right now you are the silent majority, silenced not by the resonance of your voices, which already echoes along the hallowed halls of this institution from sunrise to dead of night, but by the repression imposed on you by those in whose interests it is to clip your wings and hold your tongues. I think that by my own will and tenacity I can raise the choir of student voices to a fevered pitch which no one can ignore. I have been active on committees, I have made speeches at public forums, I have debated the best of them, all in the interest of student rights and now I humbly request that you, the electorate, elevate me to a position where this activism will not only be my passion, but my job.

Election day, coming March 23rd, will be your chance to make a choice, a decision. It is the time where you can speak out, a time where you can take advantage of democracy to send into the halls of power someone who can make a difference, someone who represents YOU, someone who coalesces not to anyone except most humbly to that of his electorate. On election day, March 23rd, make the right decision, vote Neil Pearson for SGA senator.

**I**f you are reading this then that means you are concerned about the state, the direction and, ultimately, the fate, of your student government; let me assure you, that I am as well. So concerned in fact, that I am running for the position of Senator; yes dear friends, it is I, Neil Pearson, one of your own, who has taken it upon himself to see that the heretofore neglected bonfire of student rights and values shall never be extinguished, even if I have to fuel the last dying embers with my bent and broken carcass.

I am a second year history student, a native of Sudbury, but a citizen of the world. I come not from the ranks of the elitists, the Laurentian bourgeoisie, but from the rank and file. I party hard and work harder and, in short, I am a Laurentian student inside and out; who better to represent you than he who knows you best? As an SGA senator I will be on the front lines, promoting your

## ERICA ROBINSON



their music program. I hope to build on the work they began.

I am a second year English major and over my two years at Laurentian I have made connections with many groups across campus. For two years I have served on the executive of the Political Science Association. This year I was the treasurer. I performed in Thorneloe's recent production of The Green Cockatoo and last year in the Women's Centre's production of The Vagina Monologues. Having worked with these various groups I feel I will be better able to represent the varying interests of students at the senate.

I have an established relationship with the SGA/AGE board, on which I have held the position of Cultural Affairs Commissioner for the past two years. This position has given me experience representing different groups to a single board, which is exactly what the senator position requires. In carrying out my duties as Cultural Affairs Commissioner I had the opportunity to attend and speak at a senate meeting, so I know what to expect and will be ready to jump right into representing you from the very first meeting.

Outside of the SGA/AGE I have been actively involved in many student initiatives to better the community. I am the chapter coordinator of the Laurentian chapter of Meal Exchange, a student run, not-for-profit organization that raises money and food for hungry students and members of the outside community. I have also been active in the fight to keep tuition fees from rising and acted as a marshal during the student-led Day of Action in February.

I believe that the role of Senator is a very important one. I am determined to ensure the voices of all students are heard and taken seriously and I hope you will help me to make this happen by voting for Erica Robinson for your SGA/AGE Senator.

**H**ello fellow students! My name is Erica Robinson and I am a candidate for the position of SGA/AGE Senator. This position is an important one because it provides students with a voice and a vote about the decisions made on campus. Senators are also responsible for keeping students informed of the decisions being made. I am very aware of what the position demands and I am confident that I would make an excellent Senator.

For those of you not aware of what the Senate is, it is the body responsible for the educational policy of the University. The Senate has to approve the creation and cancellation of programs, the hiring and firing of professors and is responsible for other things like academic appeals and setting departmental budgets (including the budget for building maintenance - which is where the money would come from to pave the pit!). This year SGA/AGE Senators played an important role by speaking out on issues like the lack of space on campus and Huntington's cancellation of



# The role of the SGA/AGE

The SGA/AGE is the largest and strongest association on campus representing students at Laurentian for the past forty-three years. Broadly stated, the purpose of the SGA/AGE is to provide comprehensive representation, services, cultural enhancement and entertainment to the student body at Laurentian University.

Funded by its student members, the SGA/AGE is a collective voice and its resources apply to students' needs and interests, as well as existing to promote the welfare and desires of its student members.

Through input into academic planning, procedures and policy at Laurentian the SGA/AGE provides political representation for students at the institutional, municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government.

The SGA/AGE offers a multitude of useful and attractive services for its student members. Included amongst these are the SGA/AGE Health Plan, the Pub Downunder, the Student Handbook, Frosh Activities, CKLU (student radio station), LAMBDA (student newspaper), and the Walkhome.

Overall the SGA/AGE is an organization that exists for one main reason - to serve the students!

The SGA was formed in 1962 because students of Laurentian University recognized the need to speak with a singular voice in asserting the needs and concerns of members. The basic aims of the association are:

- To foster a united student movement among Laurentian students regardless of gender, race, religion, colour, ethnicity, language, nationality, geographical location, sexual orientation, ability or age;

- To promote the interests and welfare of our membership and our community on a democratic and co-operative basis; to unite our membership to discuss and co-operatively achieve necessary



educational, administrative or legislative change wherever decision-making affects students;

- To facilitate co-operation among students in organizing services which supplement our academic experience, provide for our human needs, and which develop a sense of community with our peers and with other members of society; and

- To strive towards, and ultimately attain a high quality, accessible education, which recognizes the legitimacy of student representation, the validity of student rights, and one whose role in society is recognized and appreciated.

The Students' General Association also exists to perform the following functions:

- To represent, promote and defend the com-

mon interests of the students of Laurentian University at all levels of decision-making;

- To promote awareness of university, community, provincial, national and international issues affecting students and initiate action in response to said issues;

- To develop, initiate and support services which benefit the membership of the SGA/AGE; and

- To provide assistance to student clubs, associations and councils, financially or otherwise, in attaining objectives shared with the SGA/AGE.

It is for all of these reasons, and many more, that you should get out on March 23 and 24 to vote.

## Your map to polling stations on campus



### POLLING STATIONS:

- Student Street
- Great Hall
- Science II Cafeteria
- Huntington Residence
- University of Sudbury Residence
- Thorneloe Residence
- Ben Avery Building (Phys Ed)

### GUIDE:

1. R.D. Parker Building
2. Student Centre (SCE)
3. Great Hall
4. Arts Building (A)
5. Classroom Building (C)
6. J.N. Desmarais Library (J)
7. Science I Building (S)
8. Science II Building (F)
9. Fraser Auditorium (FA)
10. Single Student Rez
11. Mature Student Rez
12. University College Rez
13. Health Sciences (H)
14. Physical Education Centre
15. Child & Family Centre
16. Outdoor Centre
17. Alphonse Raymond Building (E)
18. Huntington University (HU)
19. Thorneloe University (T)
20. University of Sudbury (US)
21. Arts Portables (arts)
22. Maintenance & Security Building
23. Mines & Minerals Research Centre
24. Robertson Cottage
25. Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit

Visitor parking is available in lot #4 across from the Arts Building. For more information call 673-6562.

Les visiteurs peuvent garer leur voiture dans le terrain n° 4, en face de l'édifice des Arts. Pour de plus amples